

## Don't be Ignorant of Satan & Your Authority

Too many of our churches today do not teach what the consequences of sin are, who the devil is, and what he does; neither do they mention the blood of Jesus and what Jesus Christ accomplished for us when He went to the cross. Ask your Christian friends to tell you what Satan can do. I went to a church for years, and I never knew what God could do, let alone what Satan could do. I was robbed in church of the truth of God's Word. Looking back at it, many didn't want to know. Most of the people that I knew in our congregation were proud of our facilities, the well manicured lawn and our pastor, and they didn't want anything to disrupt that. Pride can rob you of hearing the truth. All you hear from so many Christians today in regard to God is talk about their church and their pastor. You don't hear them talking the Word, or talking about Jesus, or talking about '...what God did for me, and He'll do the same for you!' Even though my church went by the label "church," it wasn't one; it was just one big social group. They didn't want anyone to come and tell them what the Bible said.

You'll find that if a Christian does know anything about Satan, they'll say he can only do what God lets him do. So no matter what Satan does to steal, kill or destroy, since most Christians say God permitted it to happen, they believe it was God's will some way or another. Some Christians stick up more for Satan without even knowing it than they do for God by blaming everything on God and giving the devil a "pass." But the way they are saying it isn't true.

**The truth is this:** God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). God will allow you to believe whatever you want to believe. It's not His fault that people die. He's trying to get you to use your authority, in Jesus' Name.

### Do You Want More of God or More of Your Church?

If you're more interested in your church, and you don't have a hunger for God's Word, you're running a high risk of being afflicted by Satan, or worse. The only way you are going to get more of God is if you are hungry for more of God. For years, I wondered how in the world did I get the Word of faith message after I was born again, and so many others didn't. The Lord told me one day, **"The reason you got it was that you were hungry for more."**

**Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

Matthew 5:6

You may not realize this, but I'm going to tell you anyway. You're old enough to hear this: The world doesn't want to hear about your pastor or your church. They need you to tell them about Jesus and God's Word. God confirms His Word.

**And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** John 8:32

**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** John 17:17

Too many churches today have brought in entertainment to help keep the families coming. The down side is that their church is losing the power of the Holy Spirit. Our power comes from the Holy Spirit: **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.** Acts 1:8

**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** 1 John 4:4

We don't need to use the things of the world, (such as music, plays, entertainment, and activities) to reach the world. It always sounds good, but we end up producing weak Christians. Quit trying to make church fun. You want the conviction power of the Holy Spirit to manifest in your church. The Holy Spirit will reach the kids.

**Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it... Psalm 127:1**

**...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47**

Too much of what goes on in church is done to appeal to people's flesh and their emotions, but we must minister by the Holy Spirit, anointed by God to reach people's spirits. You don't read of these things being done in the book of Acts, when the church began. The problem today is we've got people going to church who don't want to hear the Word. So consequently, they stay spiritually weak.

Sadly, many dear Christians have never been around the anointing of God, and they don't know what they're missing. Their flesh just wants to have fun and be entertained, but the church is not the place for that. It's a house of prayer (Mt. 21:13). It's a storehouse for people to get God's meat (Mal. 3:10). It's not a theme park or a theatre. It's not an entertainment centre. It's a church, where you turn out disciples of Christ.

### **Weak, Ignorant Churches Produce Weak, Ignorant Believers**

There are usually two reasons why many churches never mention Satan. One reason for not mentioning the devil is that they don't know about him themselves, and the other reason is they don't want to make anybody uncomfortable for fear of people not coming back. **If people left Jesus, they're going to leave you!**

**From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. John 6:66**

Jesus didn't compromise His message to get the people to come back. He turned to His disciples and asked them if they wanted to go, as well. Don't water down the gospel, or make it more pleasant to reach the world.

Many of our churches today are not as interested in building you up spiritually as much as they are interested in building up the numbers of their congregation. This is unfortunate, but nevertheless true. The Christians who attend these churches are afraid to talk about Satan. They won't blame him for anything; they live a passive Christian life, and adopt the idea that everything that happens in their life is God's will.

But, what happens in your life is your will, not God's will. Your life is going to be a product of whatever you will it to be. It's going to be what you think about, and what you talk about. You can prophesy destruction to your life, and you'll get it. Or, you can prophesy life, health, victory and prosperity, and you'll have that.

Just ask the 12 spies in Numbers, Ch. 13 about the power of their words. They all got what they said they would get. It was never God's will for them to die in the wilderness or to go back to Egypt. ***But 10 of those spies talked an evil report, while Caleb and Joshua talked differently. They all got exactly what they said!***

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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